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## **Employment in Columbia County: June 2022**

### **Seasonally adjusted employment fell by 20 in June**

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 20 in June to 11,630 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 40 jobs is normal for the month, but the county's employment increased by only 20. The private sector added 70 jobs, and government employment dropped by 50. Professional and business services added 30 jobs. Local government education shed 50 jobs. Other industries had smaller changes.

June's total nonfarm employment numbers show a gain of 230 jobs compared with one year before, an increase of 2.0%. The county lost 1,360 jobs in April 2020 as the pandemic hit, and it remains 190 jobs below its pre-pandemic employment of June 2019. Some of the major industries gained jobs over the past year. Leisure and hospitality regained 70 jobs. Retail trade, professional and business services, and construction each added 30 jobs. Local government education added 150 jobs over the past year.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.2% in June, essentially unchanged from 4.3% in May. It was 5.8% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 3.6% in June, and the national rate was 3.6% as well.

### **Next News Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the July county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Aug. 23, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for July on Wednesday, Aug. 17.

## Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	June 2022	May 2022	June 2021	May 2022	June 2021
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	25,325	25,385	24,520	-60	805
Unemployed	1,083	909	1,577	174	-494
Unemployment rate	4.3%	3.6%	6.4%	0.7	-2.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.2%	4.3%	5.8%	-0.1	-1.6
Employed	24,242	24,476	22,943	-234	1,299
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	11,760	11,740	11,530	20	230
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	11,630	11,650	11,400	-20	230
Total private	9,880	9,810	9,780	70	100
Mining, logging, and construction	940	930	920	10	20
Mining and logging	190	190	200	0	-10
Construction	750	740	720	10	30
Manufacturing	1,600	1,600	1,640	0	-40
Durable goods	1,040	1,050	1,070	-10	-30
Wood product manufacturing	230	230	250	0	-20
Nondurable goods	560	550	570	10	-10
Paper manufacturing	180	180	160	0	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,370	2,370	2,330	0	40
Retail trade	1,620	1,610	1,590	10	30
Information	50	50	50	0	0
Financial activities	580	580	570	0	10
Professional and business services	1,000	970	970	30	30
Education and health services	1,550	1,540	1,600	10	-50
Leisure and hospitality	1,330	1,330	1,260	0	70
Other services	460	440	440	20	20
Government	1,880	1,930	1,750	-50	130
Federal government	70	70	70	0	0
State government	190	190	200	0	-10
Local government	1,620	1,670	1,480	-50	140
Local education	930	980	780	-50	150
Local government excluding educational services	690	690	700	0	-10

The most recent month is preliminary, the prior month is revised. Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Civilian labor force includes employed and unemployed individuals 16 years and older by place of residence.

Employed includes payroll employment, self-employed, unpaid family workers, domestics, agriculture, and labor disputants.

Unemployment rate is calculated by dividing unemployed by civilian labor force.

Nonfarm Payroll Employment: Data are by place of work and cover full- and part-time employees who worked or received pay for the pay period that includes the 12th of the month. The data exclude the self-employed, volunteers, unpaid family workers, and domestics.

**Oregon Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates by Area (1)**

	<u>June 2022</u>	<u>May 2022</u>	<u>June 2021</u>
United States	3.6	3.6	5.9
State of Oregon	3.6	3.5	5.4
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	4.0	4.1	5.8
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	3.4	3.4	5.5
Corvallis (Benton County)	2.9	2.9	4.0
Eugene (Lane County)	3.9	3.9	6.1
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	4.7	4.7	6.5
Medford (Jackson County)	3.8	3.9	5.7
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	3.5	3.6	5.3
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	3.5	3.6	5.2
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	3.8	3.8	5.3
Benton	2.9	2.9	4.0
Clackamas	3.2	3.3	4.9
Clatsop	3.9	3.9	6.0
Columbia	4.2	4.3	5.8
Coos	4.6	4.6	6.5
Crook	4.7	4.8	6.8
Curry	4.8	4.9	6.9
Deschutes	3.4	3.4	5.5
Douglas	4.4	4.5	6.0
Gilliam	3.2	3.2	5.1
Grant	5.2	5.2	6.8
Harney	3.9	3.9	5.2
Hood River	2.9	2.9	4.6
Jackson	3.8	3.9	5.7
Jefferson	4.6	4.6	6.6
Josephine	4.7	4.7	6.5
Klamath	5.2	5.3	6.8
Lake	4.4	4.5	5.8
Lane	3.9	3.9	6.1
Lincoln	4.7	4.9	7.0
Linn	4.0	4.1	5.8
Malheur	3.3	3.3	4.5
Marion	3.6	3.6	5.1
Morrow	3.3	3.3	4.8
Multnomah	3.6	3.7	5.6
Polk	3.5	3.6	4.9
Sherman	2.9	3.1	4.5
Tillamook	3.8	3.9	5.6
Umatilla	3.9	3.8	5.4
Union	3.9	3.9	5.7
Wallowa	4.4	4.4	5.5
Wasco	3.7	3.8	5.2
Washington	2.9	3.0	4.5
Wheeler	2.8	2.9	3.0
Yamhill	3.2	3.3	4.8

(1) Seasonally adjusted rates for the United States and Oregon are official Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) series. Source of Metro data is BLS and LAUS. Source of county data is OED.

(2) Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro MSA includes Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, Washington, and Yamhill counties in Oregon and Clark and Skamania counties in Washington.

The Oregon Employment Department and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) work cooperatively to develop and publish monthly payroll employment and labor force data for Oregon's metropolitan areas and counties. The estimates of monthly job gains and losses are based on a survey of businesses. The estimates of unemployment are based on a survey of households and other sources.

The Oregon Employment Department payroll employment estimates are revised quarterly using information from unemployment insurance tax records. All department publications use data from this *official Oregon series* unless noted.

The department also makes the BLS-produced nonfarm payroll employment series for metropolitan areas available. These are revised annually by BLS.

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